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SUBJECT: Deep Fat Fryers

DATE OF MEETING: March 08, 1999

PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC Headquarters, East West Towers, Room 714

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Dorothy A. Drago, Product Safety Consultant
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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff gave a brief overview of the analysis of a detachable power supply cord with a magnetic connector as a possible approach for addressing deep fat fryer pullover incidents.

The AHAM representative indicated that manufacturers were concerned about providing good electrical contact over the life of the appliance and CPSC staff requested that manufacturers individually develop conceptual designs for a breakaway cord over the next two months.

UL will experiment with friction forces that would be needed to move various deep fat fryers across countertop surfaces (plastic laminate such as Formica, marble, and composite materials like Corian). UL will also advise the power cord industry of the interest in a breakaway cord to get their input on achieving good electrical contact while having the readily disconnecting feature.

CPSC staff, UL and technical representatives from deep fat fryer manufacturers plan to meet in May 1999 to exchange information with a view toward developing performance requirements for breakaway cords.

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